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CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST

Community Outreach Committee

Thursday, March 2, 2006

Stephen P. Clark Center

111 NW 1st Street

10th Floor Conference Room

2 p.m.

Revised

Summary of Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Linda Zilber, Chairperson

Miles Moss, P.E.

Angelberto "Angel" DeCoro

Hon. Anna E. Ward, Ph.D.

Marc A. Buoniconti

Maureen O'Donnell

Hon. James Reeder

ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Bruce Libhaber

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nan A. Markowitz, OCITT

Patrice Rosemond, OCITT

Nya Lake, OCITT

David Tinder, P.E., PWD

John Prats, OCITT

Nestor Toledo, OCITT

Chimene Graham, MDT

Patty David, OCITT

Lourdes Gomez, MDT

Judy Seidner, CMO

ROLL CALL

With a quorum present, Ms. Zilber called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Moss moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Moss moved to approve the minutes of January 10, 2006. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Ms. Zilber read Mr. Joe Platnick's comments regarding bus pull-out bays into the record. Mr. Moss asked Mr. David Tinder, PTP Coordinator, PWD, if a study is already being conducted by the PWD. Mr. Tinder replied that in coordination with MDT bus pull-out bays are being studied Countywide. Ms. Markowitz stated that she will contact Mr. Platnick to inquire if there is a specific roadway he would like studied, and a list will be sent to Mr. Platnick showing the areas being studied for the bus pull-out bays.

OLD BUSINESS

Aimee Martinez, Paratransit Manager, MDT Paratransit Operations, reported on the Special Transportation Service comment cards. Ms. Martinez distributed graphs that illustrated the number of comment cards received and the ratio of complaints and

commendations. Mr. Moss suggested that customer service would improve if STS drivers called customers when they were running late. Ms. Martinez informed Mr. Moss that the drivers are not required to contact the customers. In addition, she stated that the drivers could contact dispatch and dispatch could contact the customers. Ms. Zilber questioned if the drivers are being monitored in some way. Ms. Martinez answered that the tracking system will be implemented in 2007. Ms. Martinez circulated a sample of the sign that will be posted in STS vehicles, informing customers that comment cards are available. Mr. Buoniconti inquired about placing commercial advertising on STS vehicles. Ms. Martinez replied that she will provide the information regarding STS advertising at a later date. Mr. Libhaber stated that the contractor owns the STS vehicles; therefore, the County is not guaranteed revenue from the advertisements. Ms. Markowitz stated that she will find out if MDT has ever researched the advertising revenue and if there are any County ordinances prohibiting the advertisement.

Dr. Ward requested to amend the minutes. Mr. Moss moved to reconsider the approval of the minutes. Ms. O'Donnell seconded the motion and carried without dissent. Dr. Ward moved that minutes be approved as amended. Mr. Moss seconded the motion and carried without dissent.

Ms. Patrice Rosemond, Community Outreach, OCITT, reported on the update to the CITT Transportation Conferences and Training schedule. Ms. Rosemond informed the Members of the upcoming Chamber South General Membership meeting being held on March 22, 2006, which will focus on transportation issues. OCITT will be finalizing its promotional items to distribute and display at this event. Ms. Troner volunteered to speak at this event.

Mr. Nestor Toledo, Municipal Liaison, OCITT, reported that he met with the City of Coral Gables and the City of South Miami to facilitate a partnership for the trolley system. The City of Coral Gables has increased its trolley ridership to 4000 a day. Mr. Toledo informed the Trust that he continues to work with the municipalities on implementing the tracking system. There are currently over 108 municipal projects with a projected goal of 250 among the municipalities. Mr. Buoniconti inquired if all the municipalities are in compliance. Mr. Toledo responded that all municipalities are in compliance. Ms. Markowitz interjected that the County Auditing Department is auditing four municipalities.

Discussion on the CITT Retreat

Ms. Zilber suggested that the retreat be held during a scheduled meeting date. Ms. Markowitz recommended the retreat be held on April 26, 2006, since the BCC will not be meeting in the beginning of the month. Mr. Buoniconti volunteered hosting the meeting at the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis. Mr. Moss suggested a vote be taken to have the retreat and decide which items should be discussed. Mr. Moss further suggested that the retreat be held on April 26, 2006, at the Miami Project and lunch be served during the retreat. The Members reviewed and briefly discussed the list of items distributed and choose five topics to discuss at the retreat.

Five (5) topics:

Independence of the CITT; Ordinance language changes (lots of details to follow from notes from members not listed here)

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- Trust Member absences/attendance as part of Ordinance changes
- Project prioritization; recommendation for deletion, changes in priorities to BCC/MPO
- Review of mission statement as it relates to expectation of the BCC and members of the CITT including common goals
- Five (5) percent administrative costs

Mr. Reeder moved that the CITT have a retreat. The motion was seconded by Ms. O'Donnell and carried without dissent.

Mr. Moss moved that the retreat be no longer then five hours. The motion was seconded by Mr. Buoniconti and carried without dissent.

Mr. Moss moved that the retreat take place on Wednesday, April 26, 2006 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Buoniconti and carried without dissent.

Mr. Moss moved that the retreat be held at the Miami Project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent.

Mr. Buoniconti stated that he will provide the lunch for the retreat.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. DeCoro voiced his concern regarding the lack of flashing school lights by Palm Springs North Elementary. Mr. DeCoro informed the Members that the Public Works Department (PWD) had a contract to install the lights by 2005, and the work was started but not finished. In addition, he stated that the sidewalks were left damaged. Mr. Tinder stated that the PWD was in negotiation and thought everything was settled, but he would follow-up on the issue. Mr. Tinder further stated that the sidewalk would be repaired immediately. Mr. Buoniconti suggested the PWD hire in-house electricians to install flashing lights. Mr. Tinder stated that the PWD has discussed hiring an in-house electrician. Mr. Moss requested that Mr. Tinder provide information on what it would take to hire an in-house electrician.

Ms. Markowitz reminded the Members that the deadline for applications for Districts 6, 7, 8, and 9 is Monday, March 6, 2006.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Community Outreach Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, May 10, 2006, at 2 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business of the Community Outreach Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

MINUTES ARE IN SUMMARY FORM

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